July 3, 2008

NSSRS
A big thank you to all who worked so hard, even late into the night in some cases, to get the June 30 submissions in on time. We do appreciate all your efforts and the efforts of the NDE HELPDESK and staff!

In last week's bulletin, we said we would produce a State of the Schools Report (SOSR) with whatever data was submitted on June 30. Realizing this is year one of a student level data collection, we have decided to open a window for resubmissions before creating the SOSR for preview by districts. Below is our tentative timeline which is also attached as a file to ensure the formatting is available.

Dates	Activities
July 1 – August 1	NDE – NDE Program staff review June 30 data submitted and provide feedback to districts as needed.
July 1 – August 1	Districts – prepare for optional resubmission of data by: **Checking to see that all templates were submitted.** The following templates were due June 30, 2008: Student Student Snapshot (2008-06-30) **Student Summary Attendance*** School Enrollment Assessment Fact Assessment Response Title I Programs Programs Fact: Career Education Programs Fact: Early Childhood Programs Fact: Homeless Programs Fact: Interim *Failure to submit Student Summary Attendance will affect your state aid payments. **Checking to see if duplicate records exist**. If there are duplicate records, contact the HELPDESK as soon as possible so NDE staff can delete the duplications. **Checking to see if all validation errors have been corrected.** For example: Validation errors 184, 268 and 269 indicate missing assessment data. Assessment results are required for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 (or other approved high school grade) in both Reading and Math. Science results are required in grades 4 or 5, 8 and 11. If data is missing, it will mean a NOT MET for AYP purposes. **Checking the accuracy of data on the verification reports.**

August 4 - August 8	NEW: Resubmission window. NSSRS will be open to accept any 2007-08 resubmissions.
August 9 – August 17	NDE prepares data for the State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Preview
August 18 – August 29	Districts preview data submitted on the SOSR, including decisions such STARS, AYP, ILCD, etc.
August 18 – September 19	Districts can submit appeals of decisions or requests to change data as previewed on the SOSR. Guidance will be provided. Appeals or requests for changes in data will need to be approved by NDE and cannot be made until after the NSSRS Fall 2008 submission window closes on October 31 (See Below).
September 19 - November 2	NDE reviews Appeals and Requests for Changes. Districts will receive notice of NDE decisions.
November 3 – November 12	NSSRS open to receive resubmissions for all approved Appeals and Requests for Changes
November 24 – December 5	Tentative dates for a second district preview of the State of the Schools Report
Mid-December	Tentative date for public release of the State of the Schools Report

August 11 – October 31	Fall 2008 Submissions for 2008-09
	Due September 15 and revisions accepted through October 31, 2008:
	    Staff
	    Staff Assignment
	    ~~Staff Snapshot (2008-10-01)~~ not collected in 2008-2009, will be
	       collected again in 2009-2010
	
	* Due October 15 and revisions accepted through October 31, 2008:
	    Student
	    Student Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2008-10-01')
	    School Enrollment
	        2007-2008 Completers (Enrollment Date = '2008-06-30')
	        2007-2008 Dropouts (Enrollment Date = '2008-06-30')
	        2008-2009 enrollment activity (Still Enrolled, Transfer-in, Transfer-out, etc.)
	        Special Education Fact (replaces SESIS)
	        Programs Fact: Early Childhood
	        Signed assurance for Fall Membership
	        Post School Survey (Parallel Year)

Submitting data in the NSSRS has been a learning experience for all of us. Not only does NSSRS ask for data in new ways, it requires checking the data for accuracy before submitting it. We cannot stress enough the importance of accurate and complete data. The NSSRS data is used for State Aid, Federal and State reports, the State of the Schools Report, and the 2007-08 data becomes the baseline set of data for future use. The data warehouse is a powerful tool for information to support school improvement, consolidating reporting processes and supporting emerging requests for data. Thank you for helping us work together to make this happen!

REAP

A final eligibility list for Nebraska has been posted by the USDE. The previous problem has been addressed and the Title II, Part A amounts are correct. Here is the link to the eligibility page of the website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html